**2016 CWA Communication Contest - MUSE© WINNERS**  
**Awarded May 19, 2017**  
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**I.1 Magazine – National Circulation**  
MUSE© WINNER: Cat Talk, editor Teresa Keiger  
  
**I.2 Magazine Article – Health and General Care**  
Dusty Rainbolt, Litter Box Basics  
Denise Fleck, Torn Nails, Limping and High-Rise Syndrome  
MUSE© WINNER: Denise Fleck, Water: A Cat’s Best Friend  
  
**I.3 Magazine Article –Behavior and Training**  
Sally Mullen, Training An Aggressive Kitten  
Phillip Mlynar, Ooh, It’s a Box!  
MUSE© WINNER: Susan Logan-McCracken, Kitty Quirks  
  
**I.4 Magazine Article – Rescue/Advocacy**  
MUSE© WINNER: Phillip Mlynar, Adventures in Giving Back  
  
**I.5 Magazine Article – Any Other Topic**  
MUSE© WINNER: Deborah Barnes, Kitten Introduction  
Ramona Marek, One Health and The Human-Animal Bond  
Ramona Marek, The Human-Animal Bond: A Biological Imperative  
Shery Clark, Holidays and Heartbreak  
  
**I.6 Magazine Column**  
Mollie Shutt, Su-PURR-Stitions  
Anthony Nichols, Showtime  
MUSE© WINNER: JaneA Kelley, Keep It Clean  
  
**II. 1 Newspaper Article – Health and General Care – no entries**  
  
**II. 2 Newspaper Article – Behavior and Training – no entries**  
  
**II.3 Newspaper Article – Rescue/Advocacy – no entries**  
  
**II.4 Newspaper Article – Any Other Topic**  
MUSE© WINNER: Jen Reeder, Back in Black  
  
**II.5 Newspaper Column**  
Deborah Camp, The Best of the Pet World  
MUSE© WINNER: Amy Shojai, PETiQuette  
  
**III.1 Newsletter – Breed Specific – no entries**  
  
**III.2 Newsletter – National Circulation**  
MUSE© WINNER: Alley Cat Mews, editor Louise Holton  
  
**III.3 Newsletter – Regional or Membership Circulation – no entries**  
  
**III. 4 Newsletter Article – Health and General Care**  
Ramona Marek, Cancer Treatments for Cats  
Ramona Marek, Hospice Care for Our Pets  
Kim Thornton, When Compounding IS Right for Your Cat  
MUSE© WINNER: Kim Thornton, Fewer Heartworm Cases, More Severe Signs  
  
**III.5 Newsletter Article – Behavior and Training**  
MUSE© WINNER: Kim Thornton, They Climb Curtains, Scratch the Sofa  
  
**III.6 Newsletter Article – Rescue/Advocacy – no entries**  
  
**III.7 Newsletter Article – Any Other Topic – no entries**  
  
**III.8 Newsletter Column**  
MUSE© WINNER: Lyn T. Garson, Technically Speaking  
  
**IV.1 Short Story – no Certificate finalists**  
  
**IV.2 Poem**  
MUSE© WINNER: Susan Willett, Haiku by Cat: Attraction  
Susan Willett, Haiku by Cat: Yoga  
  
**IV.3 Humor**  
Heather Marcoux, 5 Father’s Day Gifts from My Unemployed, Moneyless Cats  
MUSE© WINNER: Jeremy Greenberg, Sorry I Slept on Your Face  
  
**IV.4 Brochure, Pamphlet or Short Publication**  
Amy Shojai, My Cat Hates My Vet!  
MUSE© WINNER: Matt Carl of Alley Cat Mews, Saving Cats’ Lives Through Trap-Neuter-Return  
  
**IV.5 Annual or Long Publication**  
MUSE© WINNER: Dusty Rainbolt, The Healthy Cat 2017 Calendar  
  
**IV.6 Opinion Piece, Essay or Editorial**  
Amy Shojai, Eight Common Aging Cat Conditions and What to Do  
MUSE© WINNER: Deborah Barnes, Break Out of Your Blogging Niche to Make Strides in Cat Welfare  
  
**IV.7 PR/Humane Education/Press Kits**  
MUSE© WINNER: Bernadette Kazmarski, Making Life Better for Every Day of the Year  
  
**V.1 Books – Fiction**  
Clea Simon, The Ninth Life  
Shirley Rousseau Murphy, Cat Shout for Joy  
Stephen Chensue, The Nine Lives of Ichiban  
MUSE© WINNER: Carole Nelson Douglas, Cat In An Alphabet Endgame  
  
**V.2 Books – For Children – no entries**  
  
**V.3 Books – Health and General Care**  
MUSE© WINNER: Ramona Marek, Cats for the Genius  
  
**V.4 Books – Behavior and Training**  
MUSE© WINNER: Dusty Rainbolt, Cat Scene Investigator  
  
**V.5 Books – Gift**  
MUSE© WINNER: Tamar Arslanian, Shop Cats of New York  
  
**V.6 Books – Poetry – no entries**  
  
**V.7 Books – Other**  
Lonnie Hull DuPont, Kit Kat & Lucy  
MUSE© WINNER: Deborah Barnes, Makin’ Biscuits  
Laurren Darr, CatDala Coloring Book  
  
**VI.1 Video, CD, DVD or Television Production**  
Matt Carl, TNR Video  
MUSE© WINNER: Susan Willett, Elsa Clair’s Gold-Medal Purr-formance  
  
**VI.2 Broadcast – Audio**  
MUSE© WINNER: Denise Fleck, Pet Safety Crusader Radio  
  
**VII.1 Online Magazine or Newsletter – no entries**  
  
**VII.2 Online Article – Health and General Care      TIE!**  
JaneA Kelley, When a Horse is Really a Zebra  
Kim Thornton, Lethal Lillies  
MUSE© WINNER: Kim Thornton, Survival Guide to Traveling Cross-Country with Cats  
Kim Thornton, Travels with Felix  
Kim Thornton, Fat Cats  
Kim Thornton, Feline Mammary Cancer  
Jen Reeder, Kidney Transplants for Cats  
Lisa Richman, Kidney Transplants for Cats? Yes!  
Dawn White, Stressed by the Vet?  
Julie McAlee, Anal Glands and Happy Cats  
MUSE© WINNER: Jacqueline Munera, Behavior Consulting and Declawed Cats  
Susan Willett, My Cat Suddenly Started Drooling  
  
**VII.3 Online Article – Behavior and Training**  
Janiss Garza, Cat Tricks  
MUSE© WINNER: Janiss Garza, A Step-by-Step Guide for Harness and Leash Training for Your Cat  
Janiss Garza, 10 Tips to Trounce Kitty Troublemaking  
  
**VII.4 Online Article – Rescue/Advocacy**  
Jen Reeder, Oskar the Blind Cat Rallies for Special-Needs Pets  
Dawn White: Tabby’s Place  
Jonathon Scott Payne, To Sterling with Love  
MUSE© WINNER: Susan Willett, A #ClearTheShelters Cat Adoption Story  
  
**VII.5 Online Article – Any Other Topic**  
Deborah Barnes, Living in Comfort with Cats  
Janiss Garza, Driving Miss Kitty  
Janiss Garza, Five of the Biggest Cat Show Misconceptions  
Heather Marcoux, Senior Rescued Cat Saved Her Diabetic Human  
MUSE© WINNER: JaneA Kelley, Give Me the Old, Creaky Cats  
Tracy Ahrens, Whiskers Stir Up Senses, Luck and Memories  
Bernadette Kazmarski, Buddy Gets A Miracle  
  
**VII.6 Online Column            TIE!**  
Phillip Mlynar, Monday Miracles  
MUSE© WINNER: Phillip Mlynar, Social Cat of the Week  
MUSE© WINNER: Kim Thornton, Dr, Marty Becker and Mikkel Becker, Pet Connections  
  
**VIII.1 Blog – Health and General Care**  
MUSE© WINNER: Mollie Hunt, Life Stages  
Marc-Andre Runcie-Unger, Katzenworld Blog  
BJ Bangs, Paws for Reflection  
  
**VIII.2 Blog – Behavior and Training**  
MUSE© WINNER: Amy Shojai, The Paw Print Blog  
Amy Shojai, Amy Shojai’s Bling, Bitches and Blood Blog  
  
**VIII.3 Blog: Rescue/Advocacy – no entries**  
  
**VIII.4 Blog – Entertainment        TIE!**  
MUSE© WINNER: Lisa Richman, A Tonk’s Tail  
MUSE© WINNER: Bernadette Kazmarski, The Creative Cat  
  
**VIII.5 Blog – Any Other Topic**  
MUSE© WINNER: JaneA Kelley, Paws and Effect  
  
**VIII.6 Website – no entries**  
  
**IX.1 Black and White Photograph – Single – no entries**  
  
**IX.2 Black and White Photography Series – no entries**  
  
**IX.3 Color Photograph – Single**  
Andrew Mattila, Catster Cover Photo  
Susan Willett, Double Trouble: Cat Reflection  
MUSE© WINNER: Janiss Garza, Vancouver Portrait  
Weems Hutto, Cat Scene Investigator  
  
**IX.4 Color Photography Series – no entries**  
  
**IX.5 Photographic Art**  
MUSE© WINNER: Teresa Keiger, Cat Talk October Cover  
  
**IX.6 Cartoon**  
Stephanie Piro, Cat Woman  
MUSE© WINNER: Stephanie Piro, Great Outdoors  
  
**IX.7 Illustration – Single**  
MUSE© WINNER: Stephanie Piro, Makin’ Biscuits Cover  
  
**IX.8 Illustrations – Series**  
MUSE© WINNER: Stephanie Piro, Cat Scene Investigator  
Bernadette Kazmarski, Klepto Cat Mysteries  
   
   
**2016 CWA Communication Contest – SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS  
Awarded May 19, 2017**  
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**Award #1: The AAFP Cat Friendly Award**   
**Sponsor:** American Association of Feline Practitioners.  
**Winner:** Amy Shojai, My Cat Hates My Vet! Furry Muse Publisher  
  
**Award #2: The Barn Cats, Inc. Save-a-Feral Cat Award (new)**  
**Sponsor:** Barn Cats, Inc.  
**Winner:** Stacey Ritz, How to Help Feral Cats and Why You Should, *Advocates 4 Animals*  
  
**Award #3: The CATalyst Council Connection Award**  
**Sponsor:** The CATalyst Council.  
**Winner:** Susan Willett, A #ClearTheShelters Cat Adoption Story, *Life With Dogs and Cats*  
  
**Award #4: The Dr. Jim Richards Cornell Feline Health Center Veterinary Issues Award**  
**Sponsor:** Cornell University’s Feline Health Center.  
**Winner:** Dusty Rainbolt, Cat Scene Investigator, Stupid Gravity Press  
  
**Award #5: The Fear Free Pets Award (new)**  
**Sponsor:** Fear Free, LLC.  
**Winner:** Amy Shojai, My Cat Hates My Vet! Furry Muse Publisher  
  
**Award #6: The Fear Free Cat Enrichment Award (new)**  
**Sponsor:** Fear Free, LLC.  
**Winner:** Dusty Rainbolt, Cat Scene Investigator  
  
**Award #7: The GoodNewsForPets.com Human-Animal Bond Award**  
**Sponsor:** Germinder & Associates.  
**Winner:** Deborah Barnes, Makin’ Biscuits, ZZP Publishing  
  
**Award #8: The Hartz Every Day Chewable Vitamin Award**  
**Sponsor:** The Hartz Mountain Corporation.  
**Winner:** Amy Shojai, Eight Common Aging Cat Conditions and What To Do, *Herald-Democrat*  
  
**Award #9: The Hartz Glamour-Puss Award**  
**Sponsor:** The Hartz Mountain Corporation.  
**Winner:** Dusty Rainbolt, Cat Scene Investigator  
  
**Award #10: The Hartz Milk Replacement for Kittens Award**  
**Sponsor:** The Hartz Mountain Corporation.  
**Winner:** Deborah Camp, It Happened at Big Lots, *Best Times*  
  
**Award #11: The Kari Winters Rescue and Rehabilitation Award**  
**Sponsor:** TICA, The International Cat Association.  
**Winner:** Susan Willett, A #ClearTheShelters Cat Adoption Story, *Life With Dogs and Cats*  
  
**Award #12: The Lorie Huston Health Award**  
**Sponsor:** PetSafe.  
**Winner:** Lisa Richman, Is Fish in Cat Food Bad for Cats? *Catster*  
  
**Award #13: The Sleepypod Traveler Award**  
**Sponsor:** Sleepypod.  
**Winner:** Kim Thornton, Survival Guide to Traveling Cross-Country with Cats, VetStreet.com  
  
**Award #14: The SmartCat All Natural Litter Training Award**  
**Sponsor:** Pioneer Press.  
**Winner:** Dusty Rainbolt, The Healthy Cat 2017 Calendar  
  
**Award #15: The World’s Best Cat Litter-Ary Award**  
**Sponsor:** World’s Best Cat Litter.  
**Winner:** Carole Nelson Douglas, Cat in An Alphabet Endgame  
   
  
**The Shojai Mentor Award**  
**Sponsor:** Amy Shojai  
**Winner:** Paul Glassner  
   
**The Michael Brim Distinguished Service Award**  
**Sponsor:** Cat Writers Association.  
**Winner:** Arden Moore  
   
**The Kuykendall Image Award**  
**Sponsor:** Cat Writers Association.  
**Winner:** Stephanie Piro, illustrator for Cat Scene Investigator  
   
**The CWA President’s Award**  
**Sponsor:** Cat Writers Association.  
**Winner:** Deborah Barnes for Makin’ Biscuits  
   
   
**The PetSafeScholarship**   
**Sponsor:** PetSafe.  
**Winners, in order:**

1. Rick Reichenbach

2. Dusty Rainbolt

3. Kathleen Mueller

4. Helen Fitzsimons

5. Susan Willett